JOHN P. COTTER

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PROFILE:

A history of responsible employment including management positions, reflecting proven capability in a variety of areas:

- > Merchandising
- > Inventory Control / Purchasing
- > Staffing / Training / Supervision
- > Food and Beverage

Strong organizational and problem-solving abilities, demonstrating sound judgment in establishing priorities and making decisions.

Well-developed communication skills, both verbal and written; interact effectively with people on all levels.

Self-motivated and conscientious with an earned reputation for dependability, integrity, efficiency and professionalism.

Areas of expertise:

- > Merchandising and inventory control
- > Team Building / Leadership
- > Continuous Process Improvement
- > Cost Control / Containment
- > Planning and Forecasting
- > Customer Service / Relations
- > Quality Assurance

EDUCATION:

PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE Accounting / Microcomputers
U.S. NAVY
Inventory Control Management
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Ongoing Industry-related Training

EXPERIENCE:

1999 to 2005 WALGREENS

Phoenix, Arizona

Store Manager

Responsible for overall financial performance of the store, including implementation of corporate programs and initiatives on merchandising , cost management , productivity and associate morale.

- > Strong in merchandising and store condition to achieve maximum sales
- > Increased sales 4.7% and gross profit 4.3%
- > Increased pharmacy prescriptions by 16%
- > Board certified Pharmacy Technician
- > Successful completion of the Applied Drug Store Management Course. In which I graduated top of the class
- > Knowledgeable in Sims, AS400, and Office PC
- > Career minded, willing to work hard and provide strong leadership
- > Ability to coach and develop team members to achieve corporate goals

EXPERIENCE CONTINUED:

1994 - 1999

MILUM TEXTILE SERVICE

Phoenix, Arizona

Sales / Service Manager

Oversaw 12 route drivers statewide, ensuring optimum customer service and satisfaction

- > Maintained inventory of major accounts.
- > Controlled labor costs; generated new sales contacts and accounts.
- > Grew customer base by 20% per year.

1990 to 1994

ARROWHEAD COUNTRY CLUB

Glendale, Arizona

Banquet / Beverage Manager

Hired, trained, and scheduled more then 20 food and beverage personnel for dining room, bars, beverage carts and special events.

- > Restructured wine list to reflect members' preferences.
- > Worked closely with vendors / /supplies to purchase stock, keeping beverage costs at 21%.

1988 - 1990

HUNGRY HUNTER RESTURANTS

Phoenix, Arizona

Night Manager / Head Waiter

Balanced receipts from bar and restaurant, preparing daily finical / income reports; oversaw nightly side work

- > Trained wait staff with particular attention to customer service, as well as policy and procedure.
- > Served as fill in cook.

1983 - 1987

UNITED STATES NAVY

Honorable Discharge

Storekeeper

Maintained inventory control of 18 storerooms on the U.S.S.McKee.